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386.57, being 21 1/2 per cent,
of the gross income, and
nearly 31 per cent of the to-
tal expenditures of the gov-
ernment during the year.

I am thoroughly convinced
that our government pen-
sion laws should be revised
and adjusted to meet, as far
as possible, in the light of
our experience, all meritori-
ous cases. The fact that one
hundred and two different
rates of pension are paid
cannot, in my opinion, be
made consistent with justice
to pensioners or to the gov-
ernment; and the numerous
private pension bills that are
passed, predicated upon the
imperfection of our general
laws, while they increase in
many cases the existing ine-
quality and injustice, lend
additional force to the rec-
ommendation for a revision
of the general laws on this
subject.

The laxity of ideas prevail-
ing among a large number of
our people regarding pen-
sions is becoming every day
more marked. The princi-
ples upon which they should
be granted are in danger of
being altogether ignored,
and already pensions are of-
ten claimed because the ap-
plicants are as much entitled
as other successful applicants
rather than upon any dis-
ability reasonably attributed
to military service. If the
establishment of vicious pre-
cedents be continued; to the
granting of pensions be not
divorced from partisan and
other unworthy and irrele-
vant consideration and if the
honorable name of veteran
unfairly becomes by these
means but another term for
one who constantly clamors
for the aid of the government
there is danger that injury
will be done to the fame and
patriotism of many whom
our citizens all delight to
honor, and that prejudice
will be caused unjustly to
meritorious applicants for
pensions.

THE INDIANS.

The condition of our Indian
population continues to im-
prove and the proofs multi-
ply that the transforming
change, so much to be de-
sired, which shall substitute
for barbarism enlightenment
and civilization is in favor-
able progress.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

The Department of Agri-
culture has continued with a
good measure of success, its
efforts to develop the pro-
cesses, enlarge the results
and augment the profits of
American husbandry. It has
collected and distributed
practical information, intro-
duced and tested new plants;
checked the spread of con-
tagious disease of farm ani-
mals; resisted the advance of
obnoxious insects and de-
structive fungus growths
and sought to secure to ag-
ricultural labor the highest
reward of effort.

Four years ago it was
found that the great cattle
industry of this country was
endangered and those en-
gaged in it were alarmed by the
rapid extension of the Euro-
pean lung plague of pleuro
pneumonia.

By securing State cooper-
ation in connection with au-
thority from Congress the
work of eradication has been
conducted successfully and the

aroused disease has been ex-
terminated from the Western
States and all from the East-
ern States, with the excep-
tion of a few restricted
which are still under super-
vision.

During the past four years
the process of diffusion as ap-
plied to the manufacture of
sugar from sorghum and sug-
ar cane has been introduced
into this country and fully
perfected by experiments car-
ried on by the department of
Agriculture.

An exhaustive study has
also within the same period
been undertaken of the sub-
ject of food adulteration and
the best analytical methods
of detecting a part of the re-
sults of this work have al-
ready been published by the
Department.

RAILROADS AND THE PUBLIC LANDS.

The adjustment of the rela-
tions between the govern-
ment and the railroad com-
panies which have received
land grants and the guaran-
ty of the public in aid of the
construction of their roads
should receive early attention

CONCLUSION.

The consciousness that I
presented but an imperfect
statement of the condition of
our country and its wants
occasions no fear that any-
thing omitted is not known
and appreciated by the Con-
gress upon whom rests the
responsibility of intelligent
action in behalf of a great
nation and a confiding people.
As public servants we shall
do our duty well if we con-
stantly uphold the rectitude
of our intentions. Maintain
unsullied our love of country
and with unselfish purpose
strive for the public good.
(Signed:) Grover Cleveland.

COUNTY ANNUAL STATEMENT.

Eda Broyhill	2.20
Wyatt Hayes	1.90
L. P. Blackburn "spring	3.70
L. P. Blackburn "fall	2.70
Thos. Bingham	1.50
A. W. Penley	.90
J. R. Hodges	5.85
Alfred Simmons	3.40
Leander Hodges	1.45
A. J. Greene	1.45
J. E. Calloway	5.70
Solomr. Younce	1.65
J. C. Carroll	3.10
Thos. E. Day	1.35
Jeremiah Greene	1.40
A. J. Moretz	1.70
W. E. Stansbery	.90
W. H. Norris	1.45
Joe Cook	1.30
B. H. Andrews	1.30
J. A. Denney	1.65
Elihu Hardin	2.85
W. A. Miller	2.05
Wm. F. Hampton	1.75
H. M. Banner	1.40
Jno. Ingram	.80
Jno. Winebarger (ser.)	1.80
Wesley Red	1.30
John Lookabill	1.80
Rea. W. Knight	1.55
R. J. Minton	1.85
Jake H. Greene	1.80
Jno. E. Greene	2.00
J. A. Farthing	2.52
G. W. Cable	2.45
J. M. Harman	2.25
Duke Glenn	.60
Lee Greene	2.20
Mc. D. Wagoner	2.15
W. W. Blackburn	1.50
Forgeron Green	1.70
Rufus Brown	1.40
John Shull	1.90
C. S. Young	2.05
W. A. Young	2.15
Jno. M. Miller	2.15
J. C. Ray	1.70
J. A. J. Wilson	1.10
Roby Greene	1.40

John Penley	1.25
A. C. Bowles	1.42
L. J. Wilborn	.70
Wm. Watson	1.07
Warren Saunders	1.60
Abram Watson	1.55
J. L. Kincaid	1.75
Caleb Coffey	2.60
Eli Rymer	3.92
Julia Watson	1.30
James H. Bryan	2.10
Alfred Greene	1.85
Susan Greene	1.85
D. M. Norris	1.10
L. L. Taylor	2.00
W. S. Norris	1.95
G. H. Hamby	2.10
Shober Canter	1.85
Julia R. Horton	1.85
Granvill Norris	1.95
J. T. Bingham	1.95
Louisa Williams	4.10
Hiram West	4.10
Fin Greer	1.55
Hiram Winebarger	1.55
C. Moretz Jr	1.55
G. W. Byland	2.52
W. M. Wilcox	1.55
Jordan Cook	1.85
W. A. Woodring	1.90
Mary J. Frankline	1.90
A. B. Frankline	1.90
Wm. Greene	1.90
Caroline Frankline	3.10
Marion Wilcox	2.55
Will Nelson	1.95

Total amount \$580.40

name	service	date	amt
W.D.Norris	juror	Fall	\$5.35
R.K.Hartley	"	"	4.50
B.J.Council Jr	"	"	4.10
J.R.Norris	"	"	4.90
Irvin Greene	"	"	6.00
G.W.Shook	"	"	5.10
R.L.Brichell	"	"	4.90
Alex Crowder	"	"	4.80
D.B.Wagoner	"	"	5.55
W. F. Greer	"	"	5.30
A. E. Norman	"	"	5.80
C. J. Davis	"	"	5.10
W.M.Younce	"	"	5.20
Noah Greer	"	"	5.00
T. L. Day	"	"	4.80
Tim Townsend	"	"	5.10
Jno. A. Gragg	"	"	3.30
T. C. McBride	"	"	4.80
R. F. Ragan	"	"	4.40
A. w. Beach	"	"	4.50
J. Cal Norris	"	"	4.80
Hardin Elrod	"	"	4.90
Sol. Younce	"	"	5.10
Jonas Elrod	"	"	5.10
J. C. Miller	"	"	2.10
L. P. Hodges	"	"	5.10
R. L. Greer	"	"	2.10

\$127.70

J. F. Wagner	Spring	\$5.80
N. L. Mast	"	5.80
McD wagner	"	6.20
R. H. Moore	"	6.00
G. H. Austin	"	5.95
John Cook	"	5.90
J. H. Proffit	"	6.30
w. T. Hayes	"	2.10
A. J. Moretz	"	1.10
Anderson Greene	"	4.50
Richard Isaacs	"	5.30
Jordan Cook	"	2.10
Holland Hodges	"	1.10
Hugh Hagaman	"	6.30
Elbert Bishop	June	5.60
G. w. McGinnis	"	6.10
C. S. Farthing	"	5.30
Carroll Greene	"	5.70
J. w. Millsaps	"	5.60
Thos. Cook	"	5.10
A. S. Adams	"	4.55
w. T. Hayes	"	4.50
Tilmon Adams	"	4.55
Enoch South	"	5.70
wm. Proffit	"	5.10

Total 181.25

J. J. Day	June	4.70
G. w. Rowe	"	5.50
Calloway Hd'gs	"	4.30
Joh'nt Miller	"	4.90
L. A. Greene	"	4.65
J. C. McGee	"	4.40
Sol. Younce	"	1.10
J. R. Hagam'n	"	1.10
W. H. Farthing	"	6.60
J. J. Brown	"	5.95
Jacob Klutz	"	6.00
Triplette Greene	"	6.30
T. B. Fletcher	"	4.00
William Brown	"	4.00
Manly Greene	"	3.80
A. T. Teaster	Fall	6.80
J. J. Mast	"	5.90
Jesse Adams	"	6.30
T. J. Coffey	"	5.10
w. H. Main	"	6.50
A. J. Critcher	"	5.55
L. G. Gragg	"	6.70
L. D. Miller	"	5.00
w. C. Matney	"	5.70
G. w. Caudill	"	4.80
J. F. Davis	"	5.50
J. C. Greer	"	6.00

Total	187.75
G. L. Storie juror	Fall \$6.90
H. Clawson	Spring 2.90
A. F. Davis	June 1.10
L. V. Gwaltney	Spring 5.50
Calvin White	" 4.70
R. K. Hartley	" 2.10
C. J. Cottrill	" 2.10
L. C. Hartley	" 1.10
J. A. Edmisten	" 1.10
Isaac Eggers	" 7.10
wm. M. Cannon	" 7.40
A. S. Edmisten	" 4.30
L. A. Wilson	" 6.55
Jessie Storrie	" 4.80
J. J. Glenn	" 4.90
J. F. Eggers	" 5.20
Thos. L. warde	" 5.70
J. R. Hodges	" 5.60
Forg Greene	" 5.30
w. L. Greene	" 5.60
David Adams	" 4.60
J. Col. Trivett	" 4.40
w. w. Calloway	" 5.00
w. T. Proffit	" 5.10
B. F. Teaster	" 6.20
J. B. Miller	" 3.95
J. C. Jones	" 6.30

Total amt. 125.50

C. J. Cottrill juror	Fall \$5.10
L. L. Taylor	" 5.10
wm. Greene	" 5.10
J. E. Herley	" 5.10
J. C. Ray	" 5.10
w. H. Penley	" 5.10
wyatt Hayes	" 5.10
Filmore Ragan	" 5.10
Joel Thivet	" 5.10
Robt. Mast	" 2.10

48.00

127.70

187.75

125.50

131.30

Total amt's 570.20

HELLO THERE.

Hello yourself.

for

HAS OLD "SANTA CLAUS"

COME WITH HIS

XMAS TRICKS?

YES, YES;

Old Santa's come,

If you don't beleive it just

step into J. B. Clarke's up a

BLOWING ROCK

and you'll say, I've seen

'em. What all did you see?

Why lots of big picture books

for the little folks and big

folks too.

Fire crackers,

Cannon crackers,

Prize boxes.

and

Nice chewing gum.

TOYS OF ALL KINDS.

Big running and whistling

Tops.

Dogs,

Cats,

Ducks,

Horses.

Wagons, etc.

Nuts,

Raisins,

Figs,

CANDIES

of all kinds,

Fruits, Spring

Frogs, Salmons, Turtles,

Fine prize knives with pic-
ture in them. A fine prize

22 Rifle. Some fine Hearts

for your "Gal" or "Feller"

and many other things.

—o:—

Infact he has the finest as-
sortment of Christmas goods

and tricks old Santa ever

brought to Watanga Coun-
ty. If you don't want to

buy anything, it will pay

you to come just to see what

he did bring.

—(0)—

He also has on hand a
nice line of dry goods, drugs

and groceries, which he is
selling very cheap for cash

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The best

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mas and happy new year.

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crease in our sales will justifi-
us in this our New Depart-
ure.
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abled to obtain.

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